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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 14, 2000, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following remarks.

In the Final Official Action, the Examiner withdraws the objections to the drawings and specification as well as the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 112 and 102(b). However, the Examiner has maintained the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

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